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Annual Hunting Incident Report 2013



The International Hunter Education Association’s Definition of a Hunting Incident:

An occurrence or an event that results in the physical injury or death of a person or persons which involves the discharge or use of a hunting implement while engaged in hunting activity.”

“Hunting” is described as follows: To pursue, take, attempt to take, search for, stalk or lie in wait for any animal.

NON- FATAL

VICTIM'S AGE & SEX	HUNTER EDUCATION TRAINED	FIREARM USED	SHOOTER'S AGE & SEX	HUNTER EDUCATION TRAINED	GAME HUNTED
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23 year-old Male	Yes	Bow	23 year-old Female	Yes	Deer
Remarks:	The victim was taking video ahead of the hunting party. As a buck crossed a field, the hunters began positioning for a shot resulting in the victim being between the archer and the target. As the shooter, whose bow was drawn, attempted to let down and the arrow accidentally released. The victim stood and was hit in the head.				
Possible Cause:	Careless handling of archery equipment				
Location of Incident: Juab County					

21 year-old Male	Yes	.338 cal Rifle	20 year-old Female	Yes	Elk
Remarks:	The victim and shooter had just returned to their vehicle after hunting elk. The shooter was unloading her firearm when it discharged, striking the victim in the right knee. Leg was amputated from the knee down.				
Possible Cause:	Careless or reckless handling of a firearm- unloading firearm.				
Location of Incident: Summit County					

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VICTIM'S AGE & SEX	HUNTER EDUCATION TRAINED	FIREARM USED	SHOOTER'S AGE & SEX	HUNTER EDUCATION TRAINED	GAME HUNTED
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10 year-old Male	No	Shotgun	Unknown Male	Unknown	Pheasant
<p>Remarks: The hunters were hunting pheasant on a hillside when a bird flushed and they shot at the bird. The victim was out of sight and was struck in the jaw, bicep, stomach, and wrist with five pellets.</p>					
<p>Possible Cause: Victim out of sight of shooter.</p>					
<p>Location of Incident: Cache County</p>					

38 year-old Male	Yes	Shotgun	Unknown Male	Yes	Pheasant
<p>Remarks: The hunter was hunting pheasant when a bird flushed and he shot at the bird. The victim was out of sight and was struck in the face and right arm with pellets. Victim was wearing glasses so no pellets entered his eyes.</p>					
<p>Possible Cause: Victim out of sight of shooter.</p>					
<p>Location of Incident: Cache County</p>					